

**Minutes of the 970th Meeting of the Stratton-on-the-Fosse Parish Council
Held in the Village Hall 22 January 2018**

PRESENT: Councillors: Mr John Padfield (Chairman), Mrs J Davies(Vice-Chair), Mr D Stock, Mr A Norris, Mr M Daniels, Mrs H Murtagh, Mr K Fosdike, Mrs S Crawshaw.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dist Cllr Rachel Carter, Dist Cllr John Carter, Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Action

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Jeremy Padfield, CC Mike Pullin.

2. **MINUTES:**

2.1 It was noted that, in the September Minutes (itemized at 9), it was wrongly reported that £3,000 was in receipt from the Village Hall Trust instead of the correct amount of £300.

2.2 The Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 18 December 2017 were approved and signed.

3. **DECLARATION OF NEW INTERESTS:**

There were none.

4. **MATTERS ARISING:**

1	Adopt Financial Regulations and place on Web-site – when completed. Cllr Daniels has requested that the Clerk now completes.	pending
2	To obtain 2 more quotes re painting finger-posts within the parish The Clerk contacted Chilcompton PC for info on its sign re-painting Clerk in receipt of contractor's name but before contacting for a quote will await the outcome of sign post survey. A survey carried out lists 6 Finger posts: 2off with 4 fingers, 3off with 3 fingers, 1off with 1 finger. Quote received, but Clerk to ask for a more specific quote for each post. Photos received of 7 posts with maximum £300 for each post dependant on work involved. <i>The Clerk had added the finger post at Stoke Bottom; making the total signpost 8-off. Plus had asked if the BT Box could be painted and glass pane installed. This would be approximately £80 extra (although this might be absorbed within signposts costs if any posts do not reach the estimated £300). The clerk to organise work to be done.</i>	next mtg Clerk
3	BT Telephone box in need of repair: Glass replaced and painted Suggested using perplex. <i>Perplex purchased. As above.</i>	
4	Stones fallen onto pavement from a stone wall at Nettlebridge. Investigate who the landowner is and contact. An engineer has been arranged to inspect the wall	pending
5	Parking issue in South Street. Refuse vehicles denied access also emergency services would have a problem. A concern as Nursing Home in this road. Clerk reported to Highways and police. <i>Police will look into this matter.</i> Highways will paint white hatching lines. <i>To Chase</i>	Pending Clerk to chase
6	The state of property at Church Row, believed to be owned by Downside, has been reported by a parishioner. Downside's groundsman will tidy.	pending
7	Enquire whether MDC supplies No Dog signs – left message no response to date. <i>Clerk to make enquiries about purchasing and price.</i>	Clerk pending
8	The broken Grit Bin was in need of replacing. Clerk obtained quotes-Oct Mtg It was agreed to purchase a replacement and 1 other for Horns Close. <i>The Clerk to inform Highways of location in order to fill.</i>	completed Clerk
10	Defibrillator - Organize Training Session forward details to Chairman for insert in Parish Newsletter. <i>Enquire about key & if anything needed for meeting.</i>	Completed Clerk
12	New Contract for Lengthsman	Jan Mtg
13	Report street sign at Sunnymead in situ but off posts. <i>Clerk again reported to relevant department. Clerk to seek response.</i>	Clerk

5. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

No report received, but CC Mike Pullin would be happy to be contacted if the Parish Council had a problem.

6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:**

6.1 Dist Cllrs Rachel and John Carter stated that the Council Tax would be decided next month.

6.2 Dist Cllr Rachel Carter questioned whether a rubbish bin at the lay-bys on the edge of the village would benefit from having a rubbish bin. It was pointed out that Mendip District Council did clear any fly-tipping. Also whether MDC would empty a bin in this location; Dist Cllr Rachel Carter would make enquiries.

7. **POLICE REPORT:**

No report received.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications:

There were None.

Permission granted by MDC:

Ref:2017/2813/HSE 8 The Mead,SOF

Erection of single storey rear extension & convert garage to workshop.

Ref:2017/2239/HSE Warley, Pitcot Farm,Picot Lane SOF

Single storey extension to east elevation.

Application Withdrawn:

Ref:2017/3066/FUL Land at South Street SOF

Demolition of garage block & erection of new 3 bed house.

It was noted that there were new plans to build a school and housing at the field beyond the MSN Rugby Club; with a pedestrian footpath from Midsomer Norton. This is in Banes. All agreed that this made better sense than the original White Post planning application that was rejected.

Cllr Daniels reported on a Planning Meeting held by MDC for Parish and Town Councillors that he had attended. Cllr Daniels stated that he was appalled at the way Parish Council's representatives were treated and had written a letter of complaint to Ian Bowing; with no response to date. Dist Cllr Carter stated that 70 people attended and he was told that the meeting had proved very useful. Dist Cllr Carter would investigate.

9. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

An Invoice from **Storage n Stuff** for 2-off Grit Bins amounting to **£313.98** had been paid by the Clerk. All Councillors present agreed for this to be reimbursed.

Cheque No.001151

BT/Broadband amounting to **£129.45** was agreed by all present to be paid to the Clerk.

Cheque No.001152

The purchase of a **Plaque** by D Stock, amounting to **£15** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No. 001153**

An Invoice for **Parish On-line** Annual payment, amounting to **£36** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **Cheque No.001155**

An Invoice from **Somer 2000 Ltd**, for the installation of the Defibrillator, amounting to **£217** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **001156**

An Invoice for **SALC** Annual membership amounting to **£183.53** was agreed by all Councillors present to be paid. **001157**

The Clerk received monies at the Meeting, amounting to **£180** from **Village Day**; to be banked in the *Community Gardens ring-fenced fund*.

The bank Statements were reconciled and signed.

Cllr Murtagh arrived at this point 8.25 pm

10. PRECEPT:

- 10.1 The Chairman reported that the Working Finance Party (consisting of Cllr John Padfield, Cllr Kris Fosdike and the Clerk) had met to discuss the Budget at the Chairman's house.
- 10.2 The findings were to advise the Parish Council to keep the Precept at £10k again for the Year 2018/19. The Clerk presented figures to End December 2017 and Forecast Figures to End March 2018. Also suggestions on projects to come out of PC Reserves; the purchase of SID's, Signpost Maintenance, Community Garden Legal Fees.
- 10.3 Cllr Daniels wished to have the fact Minuted that he did not agree with keeping the Precept the same. Cllr Daniels would, however, go along with what the Parish Council agrees.
- 10.4 The Chairman proposed to keep the Precept the same at £10k which was seconded by Cllr Norris. This motion was carried unanimously by a show of hands.

11. DEFIBRILLATOR:

- 11.1 It was confirmed that the training session for the Defibrillator would be held on Monday 19 February 2018 at 7.45 pm. The Parish Council Meeting would follow.
- 11.2 The Clerk to make enquiries as to whether the Parish Council needed to organize anything for the training.
- 11.3 A Plaque depicting the sponsors of the Defibrillator needed to be purchased; to be placed on the next Agenda.

12. BURIAL GROUND:

Nothing to report.

13. CAR SCHEME:

- 13.1 Cllr Crawshaw stated that the problem with the scheme at the moment was the lack of drivers. At the moment drivers numbered three, which was not viable. Cllr Crawshaw stated that she was not prepared to run the scheme as it was at present.
- 13.2 The question being; did the Parish Council think it was worth leaflet dropping to engage extra drivers? The number of volunteer drivers signed-up ideally would be 12-14. It would need input to make the scheme work. The Village Agent had not been contacted as yet, but if more drivers were in place than this would be the person to have knowledge on who would need the service and/or advertise the scheme.
- 13.3 This item to be placed on the next Agenda for a formal decision to be made by the Parish Council, as to whether or not to continue running the scheme.
- 13.4 The Chairman congratulated Cllr Crawshaw on starting up and organizing the scheme for the past year.

Dist Cllrs Rachel and John Carter left the Meeting at this point 8.45 pm

14. COMMUNITY GARDENS:

- 14.1 The monthly Inspection Report for the Community Gardens was received from Cllr Stock, with nothing to report on maintenance.
- 14.2 The Clerk had forward the Community Gardens Annual Inspection Report to all Councillors.

15. STREET CLEANING/LENGTHSMAN SCHEME:

- 15.1 It was reported that gullies within the village had been cleaned.
- 15.2 It was reported that the road verges towards the White Post Roundabout was littered with rubbish. It was suggested that the Annual Litter-pick was completed earlier this year – maybe end March.

16. HIGHWAYS:

- 16.1 Cllr Daniels gave out information on SIDs costings:
- Westcotec Equipment £3025 excluding VAT
 - Extras such as lap-top and accessories, safety jacket, antivirus £571
 - Training costs were also included at £170 with SCC paying an equal amount of the costs.
 - The total cost was likely to be between £3,550 and £3,767 depending on whether the extra software was needed.
- 16.2 Cllr Daniels produced photographs of suggested positions of posts to accommodate the SID's for Councillors approval.
- 16.3 It was noted that the Parish Council's SIS application (for funding of the SID) through CC Mike Pullin had not been successful.
- 16.4 Cllr Daniels proposed that the Parish Council purchased SID's and Cllr Fosdike seconded. There was a vote by hands; 6-off for and 2-off against. Therefore the vote to purchase SID's was carried.
- 16.5 Cllr Daniels would report progress at the next meeting.

17. FOOTPATH:

There was nothing to report.

18. WEB-SITE:

Cllr Daniels reported that there was a large amount of work to update for 2018.

19. CORRESPONDENCE:

1	MDC	Refuse Briefing: Impact of China's recycling Import Restrictions on Somerset
2	MDC	Affordable Housing 28 March 2018 Shepton Mallet
3	Somerset Library Services	Consultation starts 29 Jan for 12 weeks.
4	NHS	Newsletter
5	MDC	Dementia Meeting 6pm March 20 Shepton Mallet
6	St Vigor & St John School	Info on Academy Consultation Thursday 8 Feb 2018 @ 2pm or 6pm
7	Pi Inspection	Playground Inspection Annual Report
8	Chris Loughlin	Parish On-line Survey/feedback.

Planning Application: There were none.

Planning permission: 2017/2239/HSE Warley , Pitcot Farm,Pitcot Lane, SOF
2017/2813/HSE 8 The Mead, SOF

Planning withdrawn: 2017/3066/FUL Land at South Street, SOF

Temporary road closure: None

Bank Statements:	Business Reserve A/C	Dec	£22,420.82
	Current A/C		50.00

Cheques:	V Attwood	313.98
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	Get Mapping	36.00
	D Stock	15.00
	Somer 2000 Ltd	217.00
	Salc	186.53

Cheque received Com.Garden 180.00 (Ring-fenced)

20. MATTERS OF REPORT & ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

20.1 The following matters to be reported to Highways:

- A367 south of Stratton village, from the junction at the top of the hill leading to Nettlebridge the surface is in a poor condition near the sweeping bend before the junction to Stoke Bottom. This section of road was repaired shortly after the contractors surface dressed it
- Also from end village to Stoke Bottom junction.
- Tyre and tree trunk lying at side of road causing water to run onto the road – on leaving the village between crossroads and Stoke Bottom junction.
- To chase promised Chevrons on bend just before Stoke Bottom junction.

20.2 Agenda Items:

- Car Scheme
- Lengthsmen Contract
- Standing Orders
- Plaque for Defibrillator
- Invoice for the Playground inspection

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

21.1 The date of the next Meeting, will be on **Monday 19 February 2018 after the Defibrillator Training Session starting at 7.45 pm.**

21.2 There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm

CHAIRMAN _____ **DATE** _____